

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

17 Jun 52

3. DATE

Local 0247 EST

GMT

4. PHOTOS

 Yes No

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

12. LOCATION
(N. Alabama)
87°11'W - 34°49'N

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

 Ground-Visual Ground-Radar Air-Visual Air-Intercept Radar

6. SOURCE

AF Pilot

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE

12. CONCLUSIONS

 Was Balloon
 Probably Balloon
 Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft
 Probably Aircraft
 Possibly Aircraft Was Astronomical
 Probably Astronomical
 Possibly Astronomical Other
 Insufficient Data for Evaluation
 Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

11. COMMENTS

White color. Round. Stationary.

SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 1-8-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYCRYPT	DRAFTED	
AREA REPORTED ON ALABAMA	FROM (Agency) 118th Tac Recon Wing Intelligence Office	
DATE OF REPORT 21 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 17 August 1952	EVALUATION B-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Charles L. Wiley, Major, USAF	SOURCE Pilot Report	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

Air Force Letter No. 200-5 dated 29 April 1952

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

I, Capt. Jack Buchanan, 15804A, while on a VFR flight direct from Memphis Municipal Airport to Shaw AFB, 17 August 1952, in a T-6 type aircraft, did observe an intensely bright, white object. At the time of this sighting I was flying at an altitude of 6,000 feet, at an indicated airspeed of 140 miles per hour on a heading of 95 degrees. At 1247 EST, exactly on course at 87 degrees, 11 minutes 30 seconds west, 34 degrees 45 minutes 30 seconds north, I looked off to my right and observed an intensely white, round object or ball. I did not notice an evidence of exhaust or trail from the apparently motionless object. At the time of the observation the aircraft canopy was open and I would estimate I observed the object for a period of approximately five (5) seconds. I looked down at my watch to note the time and upon looking up again the object had apparently disappeared. I immediately flew in the direction where the object was observed in an attempt to identify it but was unsuccessful. No aircraft were observed in the area at this time.

Upon initially observing the object, the first impression was that it was approximately eight (8) miles away at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet. Its size could not be determined but looked much like a white flare (intensely bright) except that no "shimmering" was evident and that it appeared to be solid material.

The weather was excellent with only a few, if any, scattered clouds in the area with visibility about thirty (30) miles. The Wheeler Reservoir Lake clearly discernable. The object was first observed approximately eighty-five (85) degrees to the right of the nose of my aircraft with an estimated 10 (10) degree azimuth.

Jack Buchanan
JACK BUCHANAN
Captain, USAF

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Sectional Aeronautical Chart
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

REPORT NO.

118th Tac Recon Wg Intelligence

1-8-52

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Captain Buckman has nearly nine years of military service and at the present time is the Wing Passive Defense Officer. The officer has four and one half years of college toward a medical degree prior to entering service. In 1948 Captain Buckman was an air monitor on Kwajalein for Operation Sandstone and since that time has completed a tour in T-6 aircraft in Korea. This officer is level headed, capable and is very dependable in his statements and actions.

S. Hale Wiley
CHARLES L. WILEY
Major, U.S.A.F.
Wing Intelligence Officer

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OF SECURITY HE ADVISED THE INFORMATION ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUSPECTS TO WHICH HE ADVISED THEM TO BE ADVISED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY
WHICH WAS OCCURRED DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY TO THE END OF 1945 WHICH WAS THE TIME LINE OF THE BOMBING WHICH WAS ON THE 20TH OF JUNE.

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FOUR AFA CMA PLT PF NEARLY NINE YR SV PD OFF IS SERIOUS CMA LEVEL
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PD NO PHOTOS OBTAINED PD NINE PD PLT TURNED IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTCP
BUT COULD NOT LOC PD

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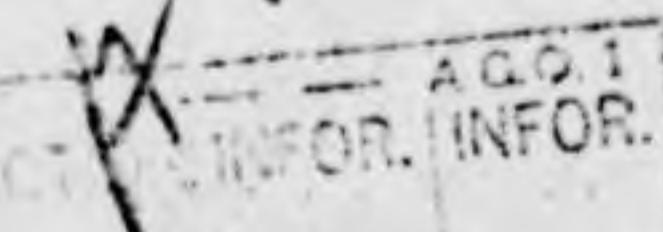
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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

JEPLG/CG HAC LANGLEY AFB VA

JESDF/CGSSAF POPEMAFB NC

[REDACTED] /WDO 1117SUBJ CLN FLYOBRPT CMA ONE PD ONE

INTENSELY WHITE RND BALL WITH NO EXAUST NOR TRAIL CMA OBJECT

APPEARED TO BE STATIONARY PD TWO PD ONS TWO FOUR SEVEN EST ONE

SEVEN AUG ONE NINE FIVE TWO PD THREE PD VIS OBSR FR TANGO DASH

T-6 A/C SIX FLY SIX THOUSAND FEET AT ONE FOUR ZERO INDIA ALFA SIERRA

HEADING NINE FIVE DEGREES WITH CANOPY OPEN FOR APRX FIVE SECONDS AT

EIGHT MILES DIF AND TEN THOUSAND FEET ALT PD FOUR PD PLT LOC CMA

EITHT SEVEN DEGREES ELEVEN MINKTES THIRTY SECONDS WEST THREE FOUR

DEGREES FOUR NINE MINUTES THIRTY SECONDS NORTH PD OBJECT APPEARED

TO BE AT APRX EIGHT FIVE DEGREES FR NOSE OF ACFT WITH TEN DEGREES

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>17 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>N. Alabama 87° 11' W - 34° 49' N</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>0247 EST</i> Zebra: <i>1718Z</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input type="checkbox"/> Steady
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>CO, 118th TAC Recon Ug., Shaw AFB, S.C.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?	<i>None</i>
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)	<input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:	Minutes				
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:					
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?	Describe Lighting
a.				Yes	No
b.					
c.					
d.					
(attach overlay)					

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:	22. DETAILS OF REPORT:
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unreliable <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Doubtful <input type="checkbox"/> Hoax	<input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
7. CLOUD COVER: ____ tenths at ____ feet. ____ tenths at ____ feet. ____ tenths at ____ feet. ____ tenths at ____ feet.			8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.		
9. COMMENTS:					